

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005:

I. PRIOR ART MATTERS

- A. The Office Action rejected claim 16 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Siegfried. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

A single prior art reference anticipates a claimed invention only if it discloses each and every claim element.¹

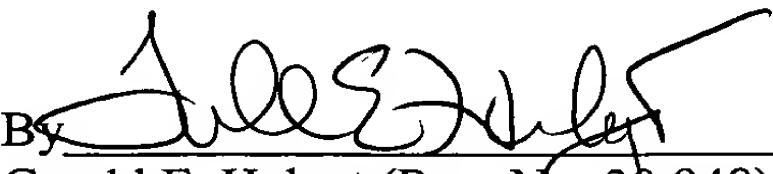
As to amended claim 16, Siegfried does not disclose a housing with a central axis and a manually adjustable trigger mechanism substantially coaxial with the central axis of the housing.

The central axis of the housing 40 of the present application is easily seen from the drawings and in addition would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art from the Specification. See, for example, page 10 lines 2-17 ("the ball housing 58 is located centrally in the release 10..."); page 15 lines 3-15 ("The threaded adjuster 52 is preferably an externally threaded tube slidably mounted on the ball housing 58 opposite jaws 30")

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *Structural Rubber Prod. Co. v. Park Rubber Co.*, 749 F.2d 707, 223 USPQ 1264 (Fed. Cir. 1984)